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The Honorable Lorna G. Schofield United States District Court for the Southern District of New York Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

> Re: *Abu Nahl v. Abou Jaoude*, No. 15 Civ. 9755 (LGS) Joint Status Letter

Dear Judge Schofield:

Pursuant to the Court's Order dated January 8, 2019 (ECF No. 113), I respectfully submit this joint status letter on behalf of Plaintiffs Ghazi Abu Nahl and Nest Investments Holding Lebanon SAL and Defendants Georges Zard Abou Jaoude, Mohamad Hamdoun, and Ahmad Safa. Defendants have consented to the filing of this letter.

Subsequent to the Court's Order certifying Section III.A.2(b) of the Court's December 12, 2018 Order (ECF No. 101) for interlocutory appeal, Defendants filed a Petition for Permission to Appeal in the Second Circuit. On May 21, 2019, the Second Circuit granted Defendants' Petition. Briefing of the appeal was completed on January 21, 2020. The Second Circuit heard oral argument on April 28, 2020, and the parties are awaiting a decision on the appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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